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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT NO. [REDACTED]
 TOPIC Military Information from the Letzling Heath Training Area

25X1X EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1C
 25X1C DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]
 25X1C DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 25 January 1952
 25X1A REFERENCES [REDACTED]
 PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)
 REMARKS

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1. Fire from artillery and AA guns was heard from the Letzling Heath (LI 53/Y 53) troop training grounds during the day on 2 January 1952. [REDACTED] A column of 6 T-34/85 tanks and 6 JS-3 tanks was seen moving from the camp in the woods south of Huetten to Huetten. Eight soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets were on each tank. A three-star general, accompanied by a tank colonel and six other officers, was seen in Huetten, walking toward the camp in the woods south of Huetten. A radio station with four masts was seen on the northern edge of the camp. A local resident said that the camp in the woods south of Huetten was occupied by 1,200 to 1,500 troops. The low wooden barracks buildings there were being winterized. 25X1X

2. A local resident said that Camp Born quartered from 5,000 to 6,000 troops on 2 January 1952. About 35 to 40 fuel barrels were stored in each of about 30 brush-covered ditches at the fuel dump at Born. Twenty more ditches in the dump area were empty. Each ditch was 15 to 20 meters long, and 2 to 3 meters wide. About 150 motor vehicles were seen in the open sheds, about 30, in the vehicle parking lots which belonged to Camp Born. The sheds were capable of sheltering a total of 500 to 600 vehicles. 25X1C

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3. Soldiers were seen transferring winter clothing from a boxcar onto trucks [REDACTED] at the Maldonsleben freight yard on 2 January 1952. The trucks were subsequently seen departing toward Huetten. *

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* [REDACTED] Comment. The information confirms previous reports on record firing at Letzling Heath. [REDACTED]. The reference report by the same source indicates that Camp Born and, possibly, also Camp Huetten quartered a regiment of the 19th Gds Lecz Div. The present report fairly definitely indicates that the quarters in this area are occupied by a tank unit which, [REDACTED] may either be the 26th Gds Medium Tank Regt or the 153d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 19th Gds Lecz Div. If the unit concerned is the 26th Gds Medium Tank Regt, the JS-3s were probably confused with JSU-152 SP guns; and if it is the 153d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt, the T-34s were probably confused with SU-100 SP guns. It has not been determined to date whether one of the division's tank regiments is stationed in Magdeburg which would clarify the issue. [REDACTED]. In view of the record firing held at Letzling Heath, source may have correctly reported that Camp Born was occupied by troops, but is believed to have overestimated the number of troops there. 25X1C

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